

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1929

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Robert F. Fennell**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to homeless shelters in the Commonwealth. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul McMurtry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1879 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOMELESS SHELTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. .**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 270 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-
- 3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, shelters, lodging houses, and facilities housing the  
4 homeless shall prohibit the consumption of alcohol or any narcotic on the facility grounds. In addition, each shelter  
5 or lodging house, as defined, shall also make available to its residents an alcohol and drug abuse program, to be  
6 administered by said facility in conjunction with the state department of Public Health.